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Appln. Of: BRANAGAN

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For: CONTROLLED THERMAL EXPANSION OF WELDS TO
ENHANCE TOUGHNESS

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Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby requests that the following amendments be made to the above identified continuation application prior to the examination thereof by the Examiner.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.